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OUTLINE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF PRISONERS OF WAR  
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Policy

1. Prisoners of War must be prevented by all possible means from falling into enemy hands. For this reason, the location of Prisoner of War Camps shall be changed.
2. In the event of an enemy attack which leaves no alternative, prisoners of war may be set free.

Outline

1. Strengthening of guards for prisoner of war camps (including branch and detached camps - the same hereinafter). Prisoner of war administrative officers shall do their best to strengthen the powers for guarding prisoner of war camps by expending and completing their facilities to conform with the defense program for their respective districts, and shall also dispatch guards to, or increase guards in, the branch and detached camps when necessary, or designate reinforcement squads, etc.

The commandants of the camps and their subordinates shall not depend only on external facilities, but shall progressively stimulate the morale of the prisoners, and at the same time acquire a profound grasp of their psychology and an insight into their behavior and supervise them so that nothing untoward will occur in case of emergencies.

2. Transference of Prisoners of War. Judging from conditions such as the intensifying of enemy air-raids on major points, and enemy landings on our Empire, both of which will follow the developments of the war situation, consideration shall be given to the overall location of prisoners of war, who, from the viewpoint of defense, shall be transferred or concentrated at the proper moment.

**A. Transfer Programme**

1. The camps to be transferred, and the destination, order and time of transference, etc. shall be planned by the central authorities, with due consideration to the opinions of the Army District Commanders.

2. The time for transference shall be notified by the Central Authorities, but in case of a sudden change in the situation, transference may be executed at the discretion of the respective Army District Commanders.

3. As such transference of prisoners of war is likely to excite the general public, great care shall be taken in regard to the time and method of transference.

B. Regarding Transference and the Utilization of Labor.

1. As the call for prisoner of war laborers is increasingly great, even under the present situation, the destination of the transference shall be decided only after due consideration of this fact.

2. Prisoners of war may be employed for maintaining communication lines, so their location at the proper places is also to be considered.

3. Even in districts where the enemy are likely to intensify their air-raids or effect landing operations, the prisoner of war camps will be left till the last if prisoner of war labor is absolutely necessary in that area to maintain our fighting power.

The areas in which the camps will remain to the last will be notified by the central authorities with due consideration to the opinion of the Army District Commanders. Even in such areas, however, if attacked by the enemy, the location of the camps will be changed as much as possible, and we shall not let prisoners of war fall into enemy hands until we have got some results from them.

C. Concentration of Prisoners of War

Prisoners of war who are dispersed at various places for work or working at distant places must be properly brought together to avoid unexpected disaster.

3. In case the situation becomes urgent and there is no time to execute the transference mentioned above, and if it is really unavoidable, prisoners of war may be set free. Even in this extremity, measures shall be taken to transfer all officers and those who are healthy and strong enough to work. However, emergency measures shall be taken without delay against those of antagonistic attitudes, and we shall hope for nothing regrettable by taking proper measures to suit the occasion.

4. Utmost care shall be taken that no harm is inflicted upon the general public by freeing the prisoners of war.

5. In case emergency measures are to be taken to suppress plots, riots, revolts, etc. by the prisoners of war, care shall be taken that they are not utilized for enemy propaganda or give the enemy an excuse for resorting to measures of retaliation.

6. Especially nothing shall be left to be desired in the procurement and supply of food in this plan for disposal of the prisoners of war. Every effort shall be made to maintain the minimum amount of food necessary to sustain the lives of the prisoners of war, even when transportation is cut off.

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Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, Sadao-ki Nakanishi, hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Acting Director Japanese Government Prisoner of War Information Bureau and that as such official I have custody of the document hereto attached consisting of 6 pages, dated 11 March, 1945, and described as follows: Order from the War Ministry regarding the movement of prisoners of war.

I further certify that the attached record and document is an official document of the Japanese Government, and that it is part of the official archives and files of the following named ministry or department (specifying also the file number or citation, if any, or any other official designation of the regular location of the document in the archives or files):

Signed at Tokyo on this  
23rd day of September, 1946.

/s/ S. Nakanishi  
Signature of Official

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Acting Director, Japanese Gov't.  
Prisoner of War Information Bureau  
Official Capacity

Witness: /s/ Koji Yokoi

Statement of Official Procurement

I, 2nd Lt. Eric W. Fleisher, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above certification was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this  
23rd day of September, 1946

/s/ Eric W. Fleisher, 2nd Lt.  
NAME AUSMI

Witness: /s/ Henry T. Omachi  
2nd Lt. Inf.

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左記

監局愈々逼迫シ國威皇土猶御等ニ波及セル様ニハケル  
管轄ノ現状ハ現紙情急ノ速移ニ属スル管轄處理要領ニ  
依リ速傳ナキヲ期セラレ度候命通牒ス  
本署ハ管轄情報局月報<sup>(JA4)</sup>ニ依ル

別紙

情報ノ機密ニ属スル管轄處理要領

方針

一 管轄ハ暴力威嚇ニ係スルヲ防止スルモノトス  
之カ爲難メ所長ノ管轄ニ付立容位臣ノ移動ヲ行フ  
ニ當ノ度ニテ強ケ情況異ニ已ムヲ御了ル場合ハ管轄ハ  
之ヲ得志スルコトヲ

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## 兵 領

一 停留場客所（分派遣所ヲ含ム以下全ジ）蓄備力ノ強化等の管理要官ハ常備防衛計画ニ屯スル如ク旅客所自存ノ蓄備施設ヲ擴充強化スルト共ニ所兵ノ分派遣所ニ衛兵ヲ派遣又ハ増加シ其ハ起居所ヲ指定スル等旅客所蓄備力ノ強化ヲ圖ルモノトス

倘旅客所以下ヲシテ喧嘩ニ外形的危険ニヨリ侵入スルコトナク、空々意氣ヲ昂揚セシムルト共ニ深ク停戻ノ心理ヲ記述シ其難向ヲ洞察シ萬一ノ際不見ヲ攻ヲザル如ク指導スルモノトス

## 二 停留位置ノ移動

職局ノ過誤ニ伴ヒ異地ニ説ハル故ノ空襲ノ強化並皇土上陸等ノ情勢ヲ判明シ停留位置ノ変遷ニ亘り機動ヲ加ヘ置ニ先シテ防衛ノ見地ヨリ停留ノ移動又ハ集結ヲ實施ス

## 三 移動計画

(イ) 移動ヲ具スル箇所、移動先、移動順序並移動時間等ハ軍管區司令官ノ意見ヲ諮詢シ中央ニテ蓄量ス

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2 稼動ト警務ノ指揮ニ就テ

(イ) 本情勢ニ於テモ停戦ノ實情ハ至々實要請大ナルニ  
鑑ミ停戦停戦ヲ重視シテ活動先ヲ決定スルモノト  
ス

(ロ) 交通機械ノタメ警務ヲ使用スベキ場合アルヘキ  
ヲ以テ適地ニ配置スルコトヲモニシス

(ハ) 敵ノ空襲強化並上陸ヲ頂懼セラル、地區ニ於テモ  
戰力保持ノタメ停戦ノ警務ヲ絶対必要トスル個所  
ハ最後迄配置ス  
配置スベキ個所ハ軍管區司令官ノ意見ヲ参考シ中  
央ヨリ指示ス  
但シ該個所ニ於テモ此ノ実情ヲ安クルニ際シテハ  
極力位置ノ移動ヲ実施シ無爲ニ停戦ヲ敵手ニ委セ  
ズルモノトス

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### 3 暫定ノ規制

各所ニ分散在野又ハ過度ニ宣傳セシメアルを容れ  
ノ暴動ハ過度宣傳ヲ圖リ以テ不正ノ宣傳ヲ防止スル  
モノトス

三 情勢急迫シ前記ノ禁制ヲ實施スルノ余裕ナク實ニ已  
ムヲ達サル場合ニ於テハ暴動ヲ解消スルコトヲ示  
本情況ニ於テモ暴動ニ遭フル被虐者及暴動者ハ成  
ルベク運動スル如ク努ムルモノトス

但シ反流的行動アル者ニ該シテハ暴動アセバ非當  
量ニ因ル等處ノ手續ヲ誤リ万端にナキヲ期スルモ  
モノトス

四 停止暴動ニ方リ一過往ニ危害ヲ及ハサムコトニ  
關シテハ深慮ノ注意ヲ期フモノトス

五 停止ノ誤用、暴動、反流等ヲ誤認スル為所因ノ非當  
量ヲ深ル場合ニアリテハ之ヲ離ノ宣傳ノ具ニ利用  
セラレバハ之ヲ報復手段ヲ講スルノ口實ヲ與フル等  
ノコトナキ極留意スルモノトス

六 本處理ニ伴フ過食ノ戒諭及燃給ニ關シテハ學ニ過食  
ナキヲ期シ万一燃給セキセキ合ニ於テモ停止ノ命  
命ヲ誤グニ異ハル甚少量ノ食事ハ之ヲ確保スルコト  
ニ努ムルモノトス

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眞 開 言

「ワシントン」文書局 第 五  
國 際 法 宗 部 第 五

公理及び公正ニ關スル證明

余、中百貨書へ余方下記ノ文書ニ於テ、即テ  
傳真情報局長官代理トシテ、日本政府ト公的關係ニ在  
ルモノナルコト、並ニ該官吏トシテ余方所ニ添附セテ  
レタル、六頁ヨリ成ル、千九百四十五年ノ昭和二十年  
三月十七日附、下記題名、即テ陸軍省ヨリセラレシ  
「情報ノ傳達ニ關スル傳真處理取扱」ノ文書ノ爲ノ保  
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余ハ更ニ添附ノ記載及び文書が日本政府ノ公式書ナル  
コト、並ニ右方下記名稱ノ管又ハ部局ノ公式書類及び  
標ノ一部ナルコトヲ證明ス。（吉シアラバ標看管又ハ  
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余 2d Lt. Eric W. Fleisher へ、余ガ聯合國最高法院宣傳司  
令部ニ關スルアルモナルコト、並ニ上記印名ノ文書ハ  
余ガ公職上、日本政府ノ上記署名官支署ヨリ入手シタル  
モノナルコトヲ茲ニ證明ス。

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